



There is a wide-spread feeling of dissatisfaction and consequent discontent among farmers at the present time. This feeling arises from the fact that the mass of farmers find it difficult to realize any profits from their farms. By dint of hard and continuous labor and the exercise of strict economy in all directions, they are enabled to meet running expenses. Very little money, if any, is accumulating upon their hands to be laid by for future emergencies or to be used for such articles of comfort or luxury as their condition and circumstances seem to demand. While the exercise of economy is to be commended at all times, it is difficult to see why the industrious farmer and his family should be obliged to exercise it more than people living in villages and cities, engaged in a different occupation. It is a fact that although the farmer may have a very respectable property in his farm and its fixtures, the laboring classes in town, for the most part depend entirely upon their daily labor for an income, have more ready money than the farmer, and can more easily supply themselves with those "extras" which contribute to the enjoyment and the refinement of the family. Denying one's self of purchases not absolutely essential should not be hard, and perhaps it is, but still the farmer cannot see why this necessity should fall upon him more than upon other classes dependent upon their labor for an income.

Farmers are hard of being prone to complain of their hard lot—the unfavorable weather, the drought, the rain, the frosts, and many other casualties which befall with bountiful crops, and anticipated returns. We do not believe, however, that we as a class are chargeable with complaints and murmurings above all others. There is good ground for the belief so prevalent, that we are not as well rewarded for our labor as other classes of people; and the conviction is driving thousands from their farms, where formerly they were prosperous, to the towns, there to avail themselves of the higher wages there at their command. While this condition of labor and its rewards is to be regretted, the fact, nevertheless, must be admitted. How long this state of things is to continue is a matter of serious enquiry to those who have pleasant homes in the country, and who still love the labor of the farm, and are reluctant to leave it and its pleasant surroundings for the closer quarters of a town.

The unequal relation of producer and consumer was brought about by various causes, and we fully believe that in due course of time the former equilibrium will be restored. Time will, as it ever has before, work its changes, and the labor of the farmer will receive its due reward.

The abnormal relation of productive labor and low priced products existing at the present time cannot long remain. High priced labor will not for any considerable length of time be employed in the production of products whose market value will not return the outlay for labor. Producers will continue to leave the farms and non-producers will correspondingly multiply. Thus, in the West, farmers cannot continue to raise corn at the price which they were before unknown, and disappearing from their families. Mr. Tripp mentions, among other instances of this kind, that the chestnut-easted warbler has become abundant in the Eastern States, where it was formerly very rare; that the Carolina parakeet and the raven have descended regions where they were once common; that the great-tailed flycatcher has appeared in numbers about Orange, N. J., where for years it has not been seen, and the hairy woodpecker now shuns the same region.

Many of these migrations are through human agency, others through climatic modifications. As the settlement of the western frontiers extends, the quail and prairie hen, finding abundance of food, extend their range correspondingly; and as trees are planted on the prairies the innumerable and arboreal species will become abundant in regions where they previously could not exist. The destruction of forests and the draining of swamps result in the diminution of the forest and swamp loving species, and the protection of man, and the thinning out of birds of prey, must necessarily result in a great increase of the smaller and more inoffensive tribes. Their educational and social features should receive permanent weight among those belonging to this great representative class, by whom these imposing demonstrations were made, and who are about asserting their rights to a legitimate existence in the conduct of the weighty affairs of exchange, of transportation and of legislation.

"Not Transferable."

If this ticket is presented by any other person than the party named herein, it will be taken up and destroyed, and the party attempting to enter the show ground fraudulently.

"Can you suggest any plan by which to prevent persons from getting into the show ground by giving away their tickets, &c., &c.?" Many persons get into our fair on the same ticket, and we desire some plan to prevent this if possible."

The first of the above texts is the standing regulation of the State Agricultural Society concerning member's tickets,—which is printed below the force of law—and which is printed very plainly on every ticket; the last is an extract from the recent letter of the Secretary of one of our County Agricultural Societies. And singularly enough, just after having replied by letter to the above correspondent, saying to him that we know of no plan whatever to prevent the petty frauds of which he complains, the mail brought a circular concerning the same.

"The New-England Non-Transferable Ticket," patented Oct. 10th, 1871, and particularly recommended to the attention of "industrial exhibitions, State and county fairs, and trade fairs." The inventor states that these tickets "can be issued at the rate of three hundred per hour, by one clerk, and no interruption or delay is caused by examining them when presented, and in all respects they can be operated with as easily as common tickets." Besides, a glance at the face of the ticket is sufficient to establish the identity of the proper holder.

Contrary to our usual practice we give the inventor of the above ticket the benefit of this mention of his plan, because, if completely practicable, it comes within the range of those public benefactions which no journal should ever think of being compensated for helping along.

But notwithstanding what is said of the above patented method, we are inclined to think the best way is to do away with all season, member's and family tickets and adopt only the single ticket "to be taken up at the entrance,"

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Insects affecting Fruit Trees.

Your note relating to the insects of which Mrs. Paine sent you a specimen, is unsatisfactory to me, who have quite as much interest in that "bird" as she has. Mrs. Paine is my neighbor, and we have no disposition to offend them when their sale is first discovered. I recognized the insect at once as a bug or beetle, which I have observed for two or three years past in my garden inhabiting the grape vines, and the young fruit. I have not felt any special alarm however, until lately, as within two weeks I have discovered the same insects committing severe ravages upon the leaves of the grape vines, trellis, peach, cherry, plum, and plum leaves. The pear leaves enclosed, show the worms of a small slug, which are quite numerous.

I wish to know, is the name and natural history of the insect mainly under consideration. I think your opinion that the death of Mrs. Paine's chicks was *caused* by eating the bugs, is correct, as I have several broods of chicks which have had free range in my garden, and the insects have devoured the foliage of the plants, and the insects have devoured the leaves of which my fruit garden is almost entirely composed of their foliage, and you send me a sample of the worms, which are the plum leaves. The pear leaves enclosed, show the worms of a small slug, which are quite numerous.

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Collectors' Notices.

Mr. V. DANEY will visit Penobscot County in

June and July.

The Walworth Verdict.

Our readers have already been made aware that the jury in the case of young Walworth for shooting his father, rendered a verdict of murder in the second degree and that the young man has now taken up his residence in Sing Sing prison. This was the first murder trial under a law passed by the New York Legislature at its last session. This law establishes two grades or degrees of murder. The first is where killing is done intentionally with premeditation; the second where it is done with intent to kill, but without premeditation. This is a somewhat novel feature in criminal law and differs from that in force in most of the other States where the term "malice aforethought" has been held to mean a purpose to kill whether formed at the time or cherished beforehand. Murder in the first degree in New York under the present law is punishable with death; murder in the second with life imprisonment. It is evident that the jury in this case comprised the master as juries are often inclined to do, though we cannot understand how they can justify themselves in so doing. It was proved and not even denied that he made the journey from Saratoga to New York City with the deliberate purpose of shooting his father, unless he gave him certain pledges for his verdict. And yet the jury by their verdict declare that he killed his father, but without premeditation.

The right of trial by a jury of our peers was wrested from an unwilling English king in *Magna Charta*, and as a system for the settlement of questions between the State and the citizen, we have always regarded it as about as perfect as anything human wisdom could devise, but such verdicts as the one rendered in the case under consideration, are not calculated to strengthen our confidence in its perfection.

There was little cause, we have no doubt, for the young man to love or respect his father. The conduct of the father to his wife and son, as shown in the letters which were produced in the trial was infamous, and can hardly be accounted for except on the grounds that he was insane, and they would certainly have justified his conduct as an insane and dangerous person, but none of these things could justify the son, either generally or otherwise, in raising his hand against the father's life. The verdict is sustained by the press of New York and it is said that it gives general satisfaction to the people. The ends of the present law may be, theoretically, to abolish capital punishment in that State, for no case will be likely to occur where the evidence of premeditated guilty will be stronger than in this. If the people of New York wish to do away with capital punishment, it will be better to do it by direct statutory enactments, than by allowing a law to remain in force which can be evaded only by perjury.

Young Walworth was defended by Charles O'Connor, who is one of the ablest criminal lawyers in that or any other State, and his arguments as a whole before the jury was a master-piece of eloquence and legal knowledge, but there was one or two portions of his speech, as reported in the papers, which struck us as singularly illogical and weak, wherein he maintained that the conduct of the father had been such to his wife that the son was bound to regard him only in the light of a dangerous enemy, and again that the jury should not convict him because they would thus fix an unparalleled disgrace upon their country. We give the remarks of Mr. O'Connor on this point reported.

"The only instance (of perjury) that has ever occurred in this country will be the one before you if you find a verdict of guilty in this case, and it will then be said that when, amid the learning of continental Europe, you seek in vain for specific evidence that such a crime had ever been committed in the great, happy, and enlightened States of America—In the forenoon city of New York, in the queen city and the chief mart and capital of the new world, that an American was found weak and pernicious enough and criminal enough to kill his father, or, in other words, to wish to kill his own father. I assert that you will not say that it is so, and have the blood for the first time on you of a person so pure and sacred in all other respects; and that this fearful crime of perjury was committed by a man who ought not to be fastened upon him, and it ought not to be fastened upon you, on your country."

We are indebted to His Excellency the Governor of New Jersey for three volumes of ancient State Records which have just been published by order of the Legislature. The first embraces the Records of the Governor and Council of East Jersey from 1682 to 1703; the second is in the journal and votes of the House of Representatives of the Province of Nova Scotia or New Jersey in their first sessions of Assembly, begun at Perth Amboy the 10th day of Nov. 1703; and the third is a journal of the Council of Safety of the State of New Jersey during the War of the Revolution.

These volumes are valuable contributions to our published Colonial history and the state of New Jersey is entitled to great credit for placing her ancient records in so attractive a form. Copies are to be presented to the libraries of the several states.

LIFE-SAVING STATIONS. Chief Kimball, Capt. Faunce and Capt. Merriman will locate life-saving stations at once at Saco pool and Marthasville. We understand that boat houses will be erected 24 by 12 in size, to accommodate the latest and most approved types of surf-boats. A crew of eighteen men residing in the vicinity will be enlisted in Government employ for each station, whose duty it will be to repair to their respective stations on the first indications of a storm. Every station will keep its number flying from the station staff, so that vessels passing can tell at once where they are. It is also intended to put them in telegraphic communication with the nearest principal signal service stations, so that the approach of storms from seaward may be indicated at once.

Lovers of tea will be interested to know that there is a prospect of a further decline in that article. The fact is the market is greatly overstocked. Late advices from Japan and China received by dealers in New York, show that dealers will amount to from ten to fifteen per cent, or nearly all grades, and in some of the grades it will exceed even twenty per cent. If the price for the crop season of 1873 and 1874 should equal those of 1872 and 1873, it is thought impossible for values to permanently advance in this market during the year. Tea has ruled very low during the past three months, a good article of Oolong by the chest selling for only about twenty-five cents per pound.

Robert Bowler, 12 years of age, son of Henry Bowler, a well known live-stock dealer of Brunswick, while assisting his father in raising hay Wednesday, fell from the horse he was riding. His head struck a tooth of the fence, fracturing the skull. His recovery is doubtful.

The attempt of Brigham Young to build up a new city for Saints in the barrens of Arizona has gone in Europe on the double errand of negotiating the bonds of the Texas Pacific and freeing the Memphis and El Paso Railroad from the claims of the French stockholders, who were victimized by Gen. Fremont and his agents.

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CITY NEWS AND GOSIP. H. M. Pishon late clerk in the office of Secretary of State has recently had a ten days leave of absence from office duty, which was most delightfully spent in some of the beautiful towns from Kennebunk county, through Oxford to Franklin. For business which requires dispatch, the railway furnishes excellent travelling facilities, but for real enjoyment there is no system like the old-fashioned one of going with one's own horse and wagon, especially in summer. By rail we are confined to established and monotonous lines of travel by private conveyance, through some of the beautiful towns from Kennebunk county, through Oxford to Franklin. For business which requires dispatch, the railway furnishes excellent travelling facilities, but for real enjoyment there is no system like the old-fashioned one of going with one's own horse and wagon, especially in summer. 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Poetry.

GOOD NEWS.

"It's just this day he has good news,
The pulses of the world are still;
The passage is made in foods of sun, that all
Are given to him, and nothing more.
No ripple runs along that soaks
A bush of calm expectancy;
What is coming to heart and me?"

The little clouds that work their wills
With the light of the sun in the trees;
Vested with their sun-like robes;
The golden air, and nothing more.
The dappled water's rosy gleam;
And sun-like robes like a dream—

All the sun-like robes like a dream—

Has come, and with it, like a rose,
So, all the quiet afternoons.

Waiting for some good news.

Other days had to be spared,
Takes to do and men to meet,
Telling wishes, bits of care.

"I have good news, say,"

But this bright day is all sweet,
Sweet as the sun, and nothing more.

As it kind, nature, as she went,
Her happy day, and turned her face.

As toward some point of distress—

As toward some point of distress—

In this wide world's happiness.

Nothing but some vague cost.

A breath of hidden violet—

The sun-like robes like a dream—

Still lingering from the morning dew,

As if the earth's early frost.

For we are all the sun-like robes like a dream—

With heart and soul, we are.

What would you have for your good news,

Some new freedom to share.

Some old robes to depar—

Some old robes to bring—

The old greeting at your side,

The old hunger satisfied?

Now, the distant will not come;

Some old robes will come;

From within just must begin—

What is the sun-like robes like a dream?

Nothing drawn from afar,

Embracing the crown of fate;

Vainly looks the shadowy thron;

We must speak the word we wait,

Wake, O heart! From us alone

Can come out best good news.

—Desired Monthly.

Our Story Teller.

SUGARING OFF.

"First-rate day for sugar can,"

Last night the sun was bright,

And sugar was bright as the sun;

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